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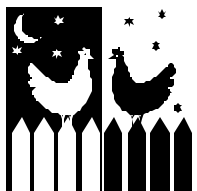
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices trended higher in the Northeast unchanged in the West and Midwest. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady in the Northeast, mostly steady elsewhere. Demand was light to moderate, best for retail ads and where fast food promotional activity was in progress. Supplies were adequate to well balanced. In the parts structure, breast items were in close balance and clearing well, best for bone-in and fronts. Wings were well cleared to at least adequate, dark meat items were usually sufficient for limited needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate.

Weights were in a full range but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/22/01-01/27/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
(Includes branded product)					
<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>	<u>WTD</u> <u>AVG</u>	<u>LOADS</u>
Bos/New Eng	51.50-53.00	51.97	16	55.17	26
Chicago	47.00-51.00	50.95	40	53.25	69
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	56.66	19
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.83	12
Denver	65.50	65.39	18	64.82	23
Detroit	49.00-52.00	50.69	16	53.93	40
Los Angeles	66.00	63.46	69	60.33	139
New York	49.00-51.00	50.04	27	53.33	52
Philadelphia	48.00-50.00	48.43	7	50.95	21
Pittsburgh	49.00-51.00	49.50	11	55.73	56
St. Louis	50.25-50.50	49.88	17	51.39	37
San Francisco	66.00	65.60	31	67.93	57

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	01/22/01	Change/Last Wk	01/15/01	01/24/00
551	56.70	0.41	56.29	53.74

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	54.00-60.00	59.61	43
Central	54.00-57.00	56.33	58
West	48.00-62.00	56.29	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.00	61.06	89
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,123	47.00-62.75	60.13

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	128.50	4,615
BREASTS - WHOLE	62.50	1,544
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.50	775
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	9,399
WINGS	94.50	3,066

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was light to fair, best for features activity. Food service was fair to fairly good, with fast food promotions attracting additional interest. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were in good balance and clearing. Bone-in breasts and fronts were close balanced to tight, and boneless skinless breasts were adequate. Dark meat was adequate to fully adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole birds was generally fair entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were usually adequate to well cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels was mostly light to no better than fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts remained no more than adequate to tight at times, and boneless-skinless breasts about adequate to balanced. Wings were at least adequate, in addition, buying interest was cautious and had tapered significantly. Dark meat parts were more than sufficient.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries at unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiations at unchanged to higher prices. Offerings generally adequate. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was firm on bone-in breasts with balance of parts about steady. Reported trading on parts for delivery into California this week: leg quarters mainly 22.5 for bagged 4/10s, 20.5-21.5 bulk, bone-in breasts 64-71, boneless breasts mainly 115. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was up .83 to 49.18 and down 14 percent on the reported volume.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were generally unchanged in all areas with Ohio reporting TFEWR from last Monday's final majority. The market tone on whole fryers was steady. Offerings were available for the light demand with buyers cautious and selective. Movement into all channels was mostly slow to moderate, instances good into food service accounts in Chicago. Floor stocks were mixed with sizes desirable. Parts trading was very light with receivers taking a wait and see attitude. Trade sentiment was fully steady on whole breasts and boneless/skinless breasts, about steady on the balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair, but enough to keep the bulk of seller offerings cleared satisfactorily. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to well cleared. Leg quarters were fully adequate to ample. Wings were in balance to fully adequate. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	49-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.70
NO. OF BOXES	12,010
*7 of 8 plants reporting.	

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was limited entering the week as dealers monitored the market and assessed their positions. Offerings of bone-in breasts were mostly tight to closely balanced, and boneless-skinless breasts were about adequate to well cleared. Dark meat parts were readily available. Wings were at least adequate, in addition, confidence was lacking as buyers were unwilling to assume much beyond most immediate needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels continued no better than fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on bone-in breasts, steady to fully steady on boneless-skinless breasts, about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	126.55	665,320
TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.03	129,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	66.09	223,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	63.52	197,600
LEGS	33-34	35.19	270,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.91	461,081
DRUMSTICKS	28-29	33.42	154,340
THIGHS	29-30	31.77	149,450
B/S THIGHS	78-79	83.39	37,200
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	99.53	241,370
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.15	67,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	36.86	39,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	60.09	86,120

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,875	100.00-130.00	105-110	108.02
TENDERLOINS	175	115.00-187.00	-	144.37
BREAST - WITH RIBS	360	48.00-82.00	-	56.89
FRONT HALVES	400	55.00-62.00	55-58	57.60
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	763	16.00-19.00	16-17	16.69
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,677	18.00-21.00	18-19	19.27
WINGS (WHOLE)	94	73.00-88.00	88	85.72
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,286	23.00-34.00	23-24	23.52

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/22	01/18	01/18	01/15	01/11
ALA	3,852	3,861	4.99	2,376	5.06
ARK	5,043	4,967	4.86	5,048	5.03
DELMARVA	2,314	2,296	4.91	975	4.94
KY-LA-TN	1,631	1,917	4.43	1,341	4.38
MISS	2,777	2,809	4.96	1,088	5.11
NC	2,563	2,555	5.76	1,628	5.70
TEXAS	2,325	2,254	4.83	1,782	4.79
TOTAL	20,505	20,659	4.97	14,238	5.03
MON	20,505(A)			14,238(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Jan-2001 is estimated to be 30,678,000 up 43.58 percent from a week ago and down 7.67 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 21,366,000, last year 33,227,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	760	110.00-202.00	125-135	132.37
TENDERLOINS	225	130.00-190.00	140-145	148.11
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
HALVES	75	53.50-59.00	-	56.43
LEGS	127	27.00-41.00	28-30	28.72
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	284	16.50-20.00	17-18	17.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,695	18.00-24.00	21-22	21.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	370	92.00-98.00	-	96.67
WINGS (CUT)	337	87.00-118.00	103-105	103.19
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	133	73.00-83.00	-	77.87

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 22, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
35.00 - 39.50	36.90	35.15

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO:

IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI

WEEK OF 22-JAN-2001 TO 26-JAN-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 127.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	59.00 - 73.00	60.00 - 64.00
LEGS	29.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17.00 - 23.00	19.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	32.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 36.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	83.00 - 102.00	88.00 - 90.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	27.50 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-85
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8 & 9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-106
	ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	94
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

19-JAN-2001

CHICKEN

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	200,000	200,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.50-21.00	15.00	492,000	212,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.94	15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-20.00	11.00-13.50	1,124,000	364,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.71	12.61		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

19-JAN-2001

CHICKEN

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00-15.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-20.00	11.00-12.00	1,387,200	734,400
WTD AVERAGE	19.39	11.42		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

*****NOTICE*****

"Effective January 5, 2001, all prices and volumes of mechanically separate chicken meat and chicken with added skin will be reported on an FOB shipper dock or equivalent basis so prices can be more accurately compared within and between regions."

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules sufficient for sales needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.25-12 CENTS/LB.	7-9	8.29

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for about adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-11	6.5-9	7.94
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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